

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 5, 6, 7 and 16-18. In each of the amended figures labels have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Drawing Sheets Showing Changes

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2007. The deadline for responding has been extended to November 21, 2007.

### **I. Introduction**

New claims 68-82 have been added. Claim 32 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-31 and 33-82 are now pending.

### **II. The Objection To the Drawings Has Been Overcome**

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to figures 5, 6, 7 and 16-18 stating that they "should be labeled with descriptive legends". Applicants have amended the figures to add descriptive labels.

It is requested that the Examiner review and approve the amended drawings. Annotated and Replacement sheets including Figures 5, 6, 7 and 16-18 which have been amended are provided herewith.

### **III. The Pending Claims Are Allowed or In Condition for Allowance**

#### **1. Claims 1-31 and 33-67 Are Allowed or Allowable**

Of the original claims, all of the claims with the exception of claim 32 were either allowed or indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 32 was rejected based on U.S. Patent No. 7,042,856. In view of the indication of allowable subject

matter, in order to expedite issuance of the other claims, claim 32 was canceled without prejudice. Applicant preserves the right to pursue claim 32 in a continuation application and/or in the present application at a later time should the prosecution of the present application be extended by the issuance of one or more additional office action instead of a Notice of Allowance.

While claims 1-31 and 33-67 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter, various ones of these claims were objected to or rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for the reasons set forth in the office action. Applicants have amended the claims thereby addressing and overcoming the objections and rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, all of claims 1-31 and 33-67 are now either allowed or in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and 112, second paragraph rejections to the claims have been overcome. Accordingly, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

As will be discussed below, all of the claims are definite and none of the pending claims are anticipated or rendered obvious by the applied references.

## **2. New Claims 68-82 Are Allowable**

New claims 68-82 have been added to include claims in various additional claim formats in the application.

New claims 68-74 are allowable for the same or similar reasons that claim 29 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

New claims 75-82 are allowable for the same or similar reasons that claim 44 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that all of new claims 68-72 are in condition for allowance.

#### IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

If there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance **the Examiner is requested to call (732-542-9070) and schedule an interview with Applicant's undersigned representative.** To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made and any required fee in regard to the extension or this amendment is authorized to be charged to the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account number 50-1049.

None of the statements or discussion made herein are intended to be an admission that any of the applied references are prior art to the present application and

Applicants preserve the right to establish that one or more of the applied references are not prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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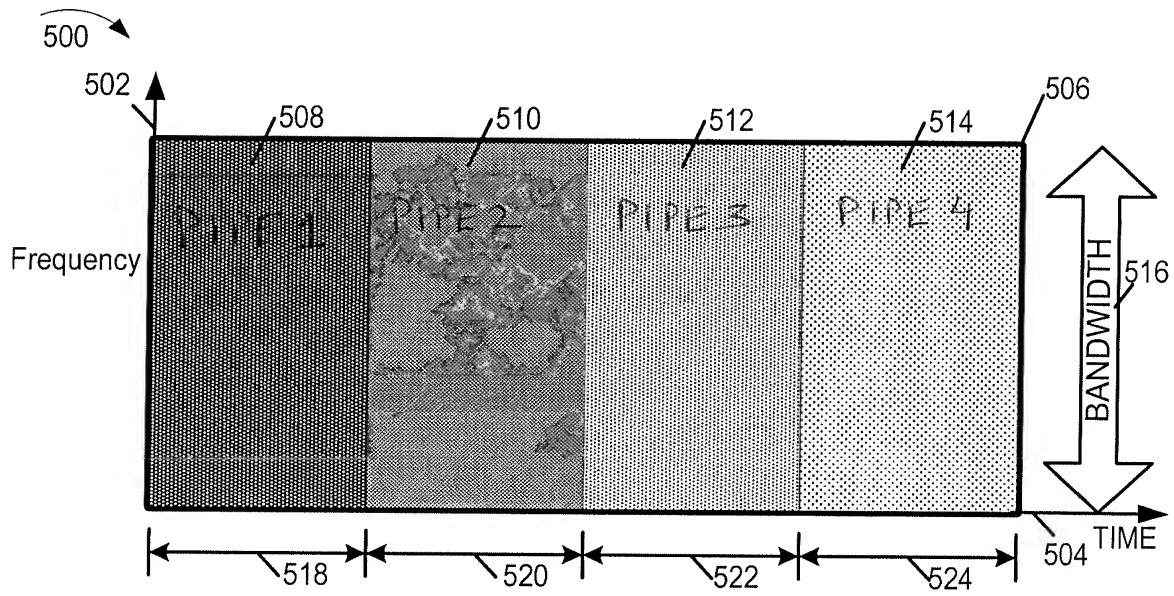


FIGURE 5

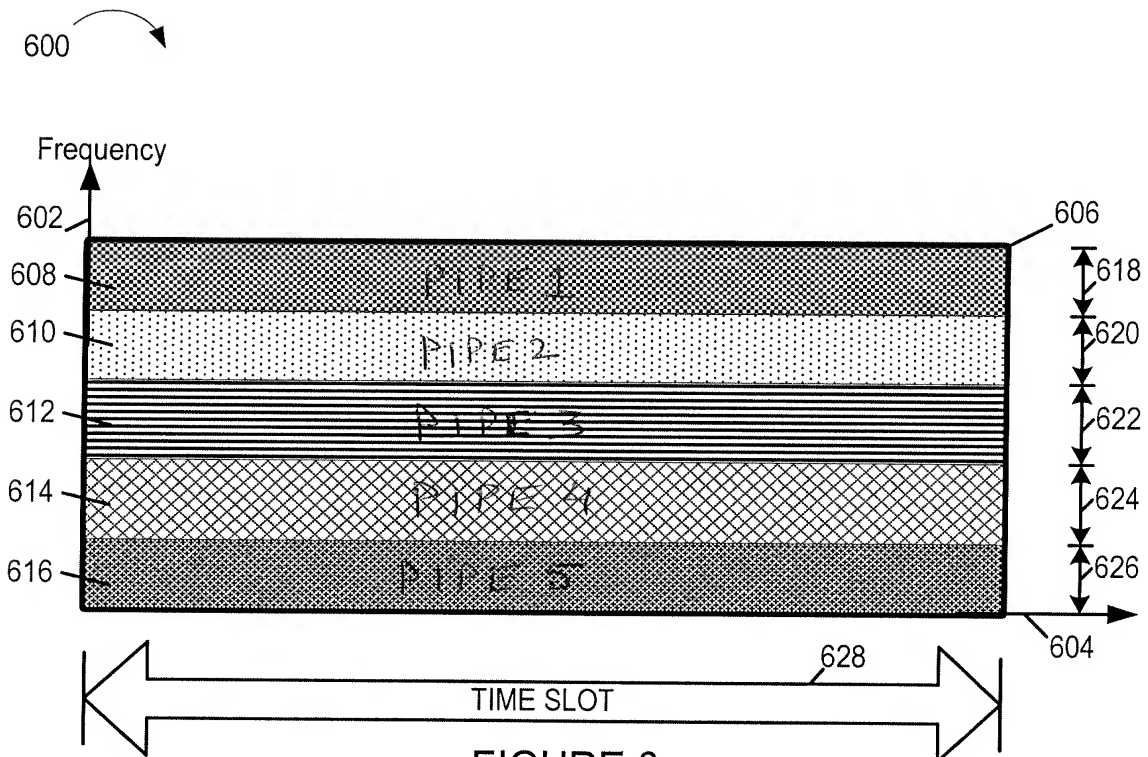


FIGURE 6

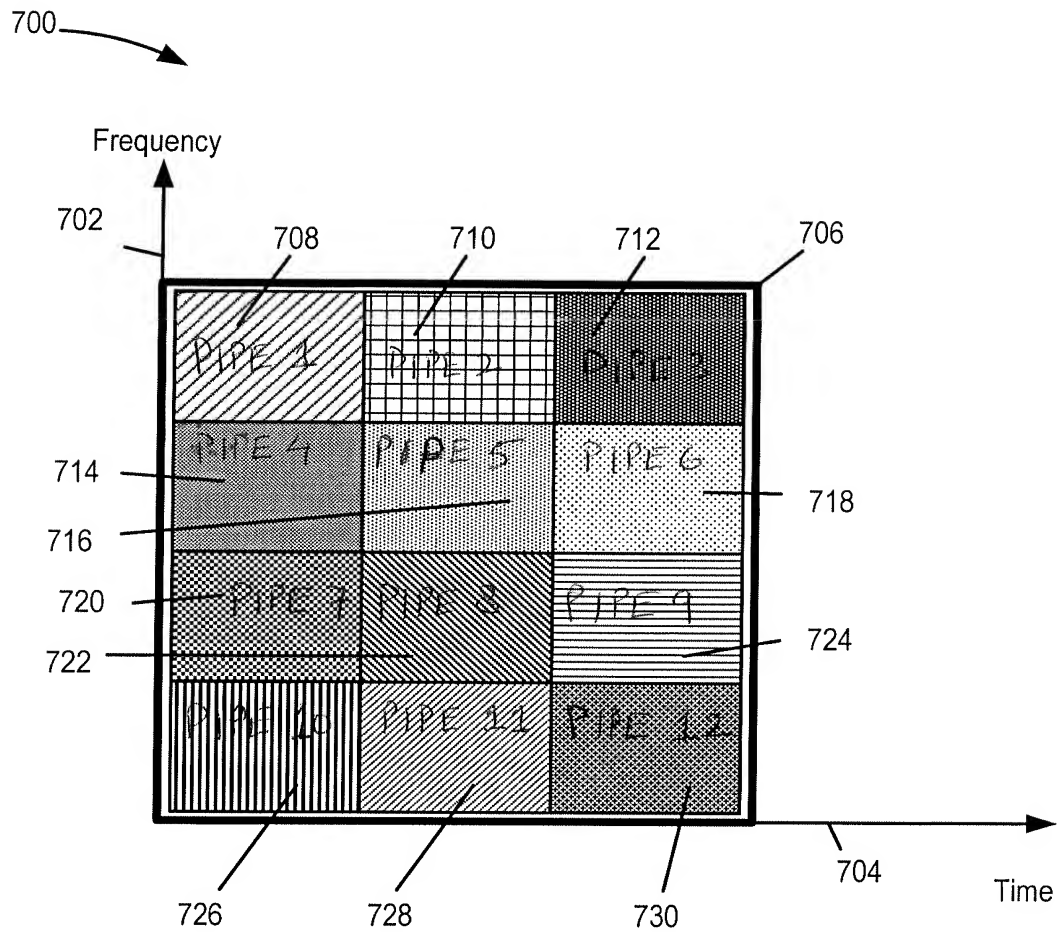


FIGURE 7

